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The Fukuda reference (An In-Vitro Medical Model of the Human Cerebral Arteries for Trial Operations) discloses a solid wax rapid prototype model that is embedded within silicone blocks (see abstract and Figs. 3 and 4).

The Ikeda reference similarly describes a wax and silicone model (see abstract and Figs. 2 and 3).

The JP 62-298376 reference is cited in the counterpart Japanese patent application and this reference discloses a membranous model replicating a body cavity; and a translucent base material surrounding the membranous model, with the translucent base material get being elastic and in adhesive contact with the same material of the membranous model which has the substantially same refractive index.

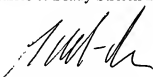
The Model 40 reference discloses a translucent body cavity model on page 139, Model 76 ("M76").

The JP 2-83438 reference discloses a light source and transmittance/reflection detector in Figs. 1 and 7.

Applicant believes that none of the foregoing referenced material, alone or in combination, anticipates or renders obvious his invention.

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